

Reduce electrical usage to keep power supply stable.

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This is a message from City of Del Rio and Val Verde County Emergency Management.

The extreme winter weather through Tuesday will create an unusually high demand on our power supply. **Due to the risk of rolling power outages, the Public Utility Commission of Texas is reminding communities to start conserving energy by turning their thermostats to 68 degrees, closing shades and blinds and unplugging nonessential appliances that still draw power, such as toasters.**

Residents should also avoid using large appliances like washers and dryers during peak hours, like the morning and evening.

Citizens of Del Rio and Val Verde County are asked to please follow these recommendations. Especially try and **avoid using washers, dryers, ovens and other large electrical appliances during morning and evening hours.**

Rolling blackouts might mean that residents will need to try and keep warm without power for several hours or more.

- Wear layers of clothing
- Wear a knit hat or other covering for your head.

- Use extra blankets
- Do not open any exterior doors unless absolutely necessary
- Close all curtains at night and tack blankets over windows without curtains
- Tack extra blankets to cover windows in a room where the family can huddle together.
- Use towels or duct tape around doors and windows to seal any areas where cold air is entering the house.
- Use fireplaces if available (**and you know they are operating properly**)
- Light a few candles for some extra heat.
- **Do NOT create dangerous carbon monoxide levels in your home by using any gasoline powered engines indoors**
- **DO NOT use any gas heaters not designed for indoor use**
- **DO NOT burn wood, cardboard or charcoal indoors.**



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Major Winter Storm Impacting the Region

Important Forecast Changes

- Snow amounts increased east of I-35

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Key Messages

- ✓ Freezing drizzle through the overnight has left icy roadways through the Hill Country, I-35 corridor and eastward. Conditions will only deteriorate further later this afternoon and tonight across all of South-Central Texas!
- ✓ A major winter storm will move across the region this afternoon through Monday morning. A mix of freezing rain and sleet is initially expected, with a change over to all snow this evening. Travel will be very difficult to near impossible across many areas! Blowing snow in some areas could reduce visibility and snow may obscure ice underneath. The icy roads could persist into Tuesday. **Travel is highly discouraged!**
- ✓ Scattered power outages could occur, especially across the Hill Country and Central Texas where ice still exists from earlier rounds of winter precipitation.
- ✓ Bitterly cold air will spill into the region by Monday morning. The coldest temperatures since 1989 are forecast Monday and Tuesday mornings, with low temperatures in the single digits and teens. **Exposed pipes could be damaged if not protected.**
- ✓ Strong winds will make it feel even colder, with wind chill values Monday morning ranging from -15 to 0 degrees! **Without proper protection hypothermia could quickly set in.**
- ✓ Check frequently on those without heat. Protect plants and pipes. Provide warm shelter for pets.
- ✓ Another disturbance will provide a chance for freezing rain Tuesday night into Wednesday, and a wintry mix Wednesday night. Additional ice accumulations are possible.



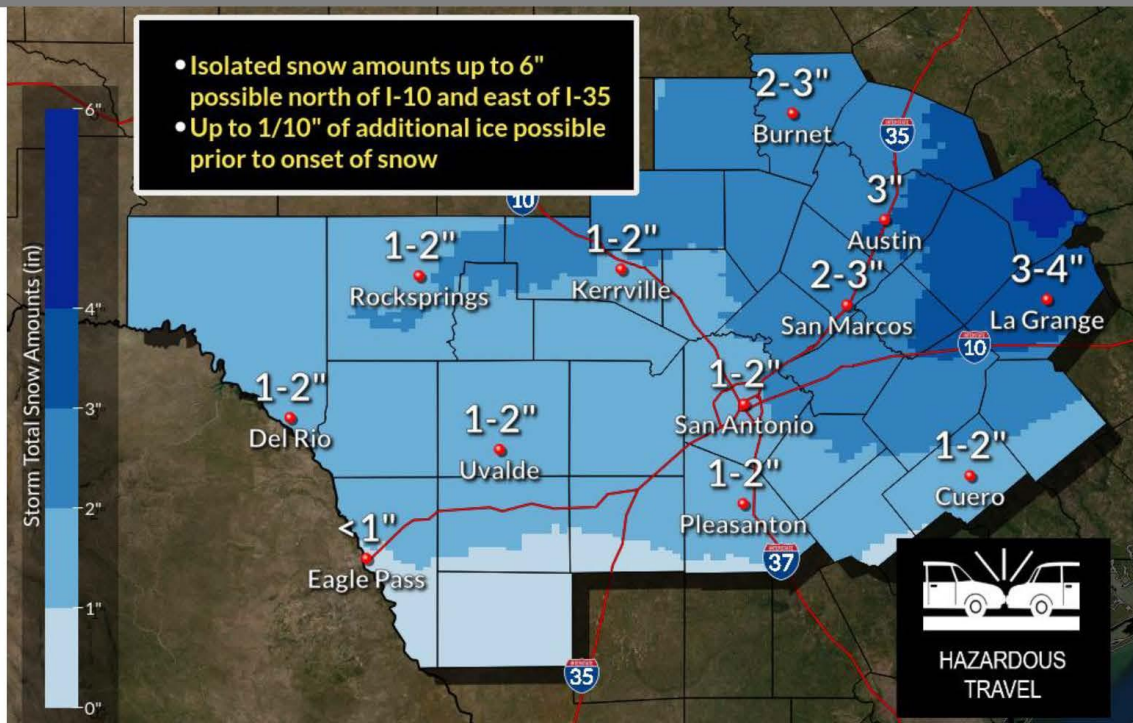


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Winter Weather Timing and Snowfall Forecast

	Sunday						Monday				Tuesday	
	6 AM	9 AM	12 PM	3 PM	6 PM	9 PM	12 AM	3 AM	6 AM	6 PM	12 AM	6 AM
	Icy Roads and Dangerous Travel Entire Region											
Rio Grande / Del Rio	Freezing Drizzle	Wintry Mix	Snow				Dangerous Wind Chill and Hard Freeze					
Hill Country		Wintry Mix	Snow				Dangerous Wind Chill and Hard Freeze					
Austin / San Antonio / I-35	Freezing Drizzle	Wintry Mix	Snow				Dangerous Wind Chill and Hard Freeze					
East of Interstate 35		Wintry Mix	Snow				Dangerous Wind Chill And Hard Freeze					

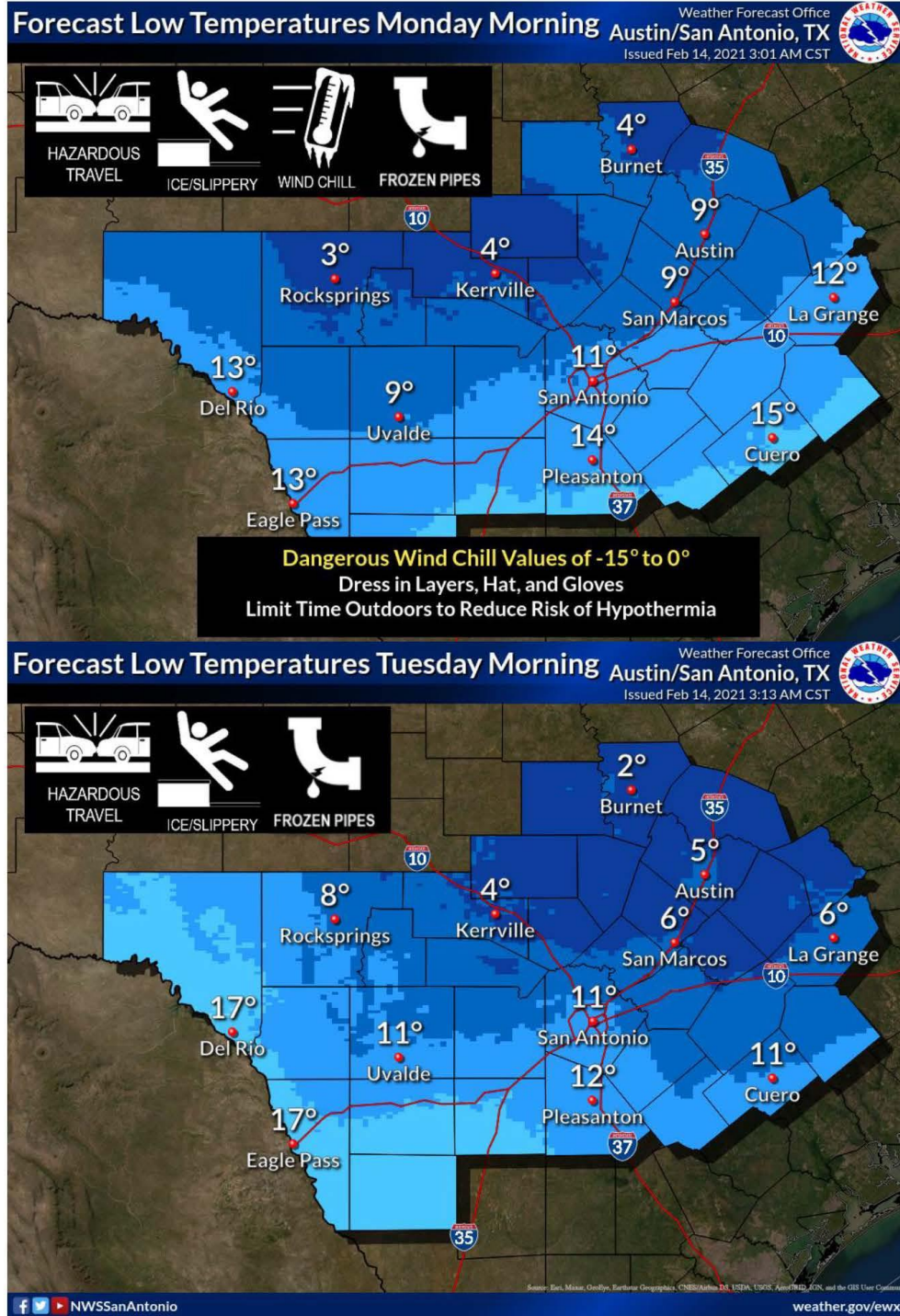




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Bitterly Cold Temperatures





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Extreme Cold Safety Graphics

Warning Signs of Hypothermia



Confusion



Shivering



Difficulty
Speaking



Sleepiness



Stiff
Muscles

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